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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/575,955	Applicant(s) MATSUSHITA ET AL.	
	Examiner Thomas M. Dougherty	Art Unit 2834	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 August 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-11 and 16-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9-11 and 18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-8,16 and 17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 April 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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Response to REMARKS

The Applicants' REMARKS of 8/04/08 are persuasive regarding claims 8 and 17, these claims are allowable.

Regarding the Applicants' arguments concerning claims 9-11 and 18, they are not persuasive. The Arguments have been given due consideration. As noted in the restriction/election requirement, some claims are differentiable from the other claims because one set of claims is, or depends from, a structure, claims 9-11 and 18, however, do not. The search required for method of making the piezoelectric devices claimed are not the same art as the piezoelectric structures themselves. Method of making claims are typically searched in class 29/25.35 et al., which is art examined by another Art Unit. Therefore, the restriction regarding these claims is upheld.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-8, 16 and 17 are allowed.

Conclusion

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Cancellation of claims 9-11 and 18 is required for the case to issue.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Direct inquiry to Examiner Dougherty at (571) 272-2022.

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/Thomas M. Dougherty/

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2834

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